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Fall Scrip Show  
Sept 30 & Oct 1  
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# Fall Scrip Show

**Where:**  
Landmark Inn, Pikeville, KY

**When:**  
Friday, Sept 30 - 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct 1 - 8 a.m. to Noon

**Room Reservations:**  
606/432-2545  
Ask for NSCA show discount

**Show Information:**  
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606-286-5056

## From the President of the NSCA:

I hope everyone can make it out to the scrip show in Pikeville. Tentatively, we have a meeting scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on the Friday evening of the show. We have a lot that needs to be discussed as we are in the process of reprinting new books. Even though there are many hurdles to overcome, I still like to feel that we are moving forward, even though slow it may be. Everyone **PLEASE** get all new finds information to new finds editor, Bill Fugera, or to myself for the so-called Kentucky book and Billy Campbell for the West Virginia book. Also any other concerns can be addressed at the meeting. Hope to see everyone there !

GARRETT SALYERS

You Find Interesting Things When You Wander Down to the Basement

# Raleigh Register

BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 11, 1975—9

## Local Scrip Collectors To Host Meeting Of National Association

Collectors of coal mine scrip and lumber company tokens will hold a meeting in Beckley Saturday at the Holiday Inn on Harper Road. The meeting is open to the public and will feature displays of scrip and tokens.

The National Scrip Collectors Association is composed of token collectors from throughout the country with a membership of 209. Walter Caldwell of Fayetteville is president of the association.

Vice presidents of the organization are David Schenkman of Indian Head, Md., Charles Ross of Spencer, and Paul Jensen

of Fort Thomas, Ky.

Caldwell has appointed several committees to arrange the meeting. Committees, members and committee heads are as follows:

Nominations committee — To present a slate of officers to be elected at the Saturday meeting at 1:30 p.m. One president, three vice presidents and a secretary-treasurer will be elected. Harold Snodgress of MacArthur, chairman. Truman L. Sayre of Beckley, Paul W. Jensen of Fort Thomas, Ky., Charles O. Rogers of Williamsburg, Va., Harry C. Skaggs of Mount Hope, Dale E. Grim of Berkeley, Saint Uniontown, Pa., and Bridge, members.

Time and Place committee — To present a recommendation for a site for the Fall 1975 meeting to the executive committee.

Donald O. Edkins of Newport News, Va., chairman. Steve Chappo of Beckley, Raymond H. Cole of Williamson, C. A. Coulter of West Logan, Paul A. Cunningham of Tecumseh, Mich., and Dean H. Davis J. F. of Roanoke, Va., members.

Membership and Bulletin committee — To present recommendations for a membership contest and a contest for articles for club bulletins. Robert W. Craig of Charleston, chairman, Gordon Dodrill of Pittsburgh, Pa., R.R. Tipoy of Oak Ridge, Tenn.,

David E. Schenkman of Indian Head, Md., Ken Smith of Huntington and Arlie Slabaugh of Springfield, Pa., members.

Convention Publicity and Arrangements — To contact radio and news outlets for publicity on the Spring 1975 meeting. To assist in distributing the show cards throughout the Beckley area to insure a crowd of interested collectors. Harold Snodgress of MacArthur, chairman. Peter J. Rippe of Oak Hill, Raymond H. Smith of Coal City, Donald E. Tate of Prosperity, Steve Chappo of Beckley, Dr. Earl E. Cox of Welch, Fred W. Duff of Oak Hill and Freeman and Russell Blake of Oak Hill, members.

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## Coal Fired Pizza Ovens

Bill Fugera

In the early 1900's, many Neapolitan Italians emigrated to the United States. The term "Neapolitan" basically refers to the emigrants from Naples and the surrounding area. Naples is considered to be the official birthplace of pizza. Many of these Italians brought their ovens with them. With the ovens, many bakeries and pizzerias were started. Traditionally, wood was used to fire these ovens. However, wood was too expensive and people began to use coal. Using bituminous coal created problems, though, such as black lung. The bituminous coal also was dirty and dusty and did not burn very cleanly. Anthracite coal was substituted for the soft coal.

In the 1970's, coal fired ovens were banned in New York. The mom and pop pizza makers were grandfathered and were allowed to continue to use coal. Today a few of these pizza parlors still exist

Anthracite coal is the fuel of choice for today's ovens. Anthracite is hard and shiny, smokeless with very little dust. Getting anthracite lit is like lighting a rock. A starter wood fire is needed to get the coal lit. The combustion is controlled with an air flow. Anthracite is expensive to use. A typical pizza oven requires approximately 100 pounds per day. These ovens reach a temperature of approximately 900 degrees. Wood fires reach around 600 degrees and natural gas around 400 degrees.

It takes 4 to 6 minutes to cook a pizza in these coal fired ovens. The high heat gives a distinct taste. As the pizza cooks it has to be turned constantly to prevent burning and uneven cooking.

If you saw the movie *Moonstruck*, Nicolas Cage was shoveling coal into such an oven in Brooklyn. In this scene it appears Cage is baking bread.



# A QUESTION OF THURMOND

Billy W. Campbell

A collector writes:

*I have a partial set of Thurmond Supply Co., from Kleencoal 1539, in Logan County. There is an identical set from Erskine 959, in Fayette County. Both are from the ICS mint and same company, Thurmond Supply Co. The 25¢ piece is unlisted for both sets. Would you deem them to be the same scrip just used at two different locations?*

My understanding is that ICS operated from 1919 to 1931. This is very important to remember in trying to answer this question.

Aug 21, 1888, Thurmond Coal Co. filed for company charter. State mining records indicate mines at Erskine, Fayette County were operated by Thurmond Coal Co. from 1890 to 1913, according to the website: West Virginia Cyclopediia (wvexp.com). Employees of the mining operation at Erskine lived in Concho, on the New River Gorge, in company housing. A company store was also located in Concho. Supplies had to be shipped in the early years by tram from the bottom of the gorge, where the company had built a small warehouse at the mouth of Rock Lick Creek. Later, after a road was built to Concho, the company built another warehouse at Erskine and transferred supplies by wagon.

The West Virginia Office of Miners Health Safety and Training lists Thurmond Coal Co. mines as Dabney Mine from 1921 to 1925 and Thurmond mine from 1918 to 1920, both in Logan County. It also lists Thurmond mine from 1898 to 1909 and Thurmond No.2 from 1906 to 1909, both in Fayette County. The West Virginia Geological survey said in 1910 that the population of Erskine, Fayette County, was 48 souls. Kevin Andersen states that he has listed that Thurmond Supply ordered 2000 checks on 1-25-1923 from Erskine. They might be the same tokens used at 3 stores, add Concho.

According to Dodrill, Thurmond Supply Co. operated 3 stores for Thurmond Coal Co. But, again, when I look at Dodrill, Thurmond Coal Co. in Concho and Erskine only operated until 1913. The 1913 West Virginia Annual Report of Mines has Rock Lick Coal Co. operating Thurmond No 1 and Erskine No 2 mines. Thurmond Supply operated from 1908 to 1926, according to Dodrill, and the latter part falls in the time frame of ICS operations. The 1919 issue of Bradstreet has Concho listed and Rock Lick Coal Co. as the only business which seems to be the buyer of Thurmond Coal Co. However, Bradstreet has Concho as being one mile from Thurmond, W. Va., (remember the big gorge and the river) and no listing at all for Erskine, which was across the river from Thurmond. The 1919 issue of Bradstreet does show Thurmond Supply Co. operating in the town of Thurmond. The 1921 Bradstreet issue has the town of Klean Koal listed for the first time, with no mention of Thurmond Coal Co. The 1918 Annual Report Of Mines is the first time Thurmond Coal Co. is listed as being in Kleankoal (notice town spelling). The 1912 Annual Report Of Mines is the last time Thurmond Coal Co. is listed as being in Concho.

My conclusion is that Thurmond Coal Co. sold the Fayette Operation to Rock Lick Coal Co. in 1913. Concho, Erskine and Thurmond are all very closely related with Thurmond Coal Co./Thurmond supply Co. as one operation. There was a river and a steep gorge that separated them. All indications to me is that Thurmond Supply Co. should be left listed in Kleencoal (no problem there) and Erskine, with a note that the scrip was used most likely in connection with Rock Lick Coal Co and/or Rock Lick Smokeless Coal Co.; certainly not Thurmond Coal Co.. I have a complete set of Thurmond Supply Co. including the unlisted A25.

There may be others such as Barracksville 161 "B" series and Kingwood 1527 "C" series. But, that's another story.



# Rose Bowl Scrip

by  
**BILL FUGERA**

Recently a piece of Rose Bowl paper scrip appeared on EBAY. The date on the scrip is 1950 thru 1959. This scrip allowed a person to convert the scrip each year for ten years to see the Rose Bowl game. The total price for the scrip was \$55. This translated to \$5.50 for each game. This was a good deal since the price for a Rose Bowl ticket increased every year. With this scrip one was able to fix the ticket price for ten years. In comparison, the ticket price for Jan 1, 2011 will be \$ 145. Depending on the seat location scalpers will get much more for the tickets. One can go to the Rose Bowl on game day and get lucky and find an extra ticket at a reasonable price. It all depends on the teams playing. If USC is playing, more tickets pop up since each team playing gets a bigger allotment. A local team means more available tickets.



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